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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" No, Sir. The Government considered that the establishment bills of district boards and municipalities had already become burdensome, as they were mostly deficit, and therefore there was no possibility of revising the scales of pay further."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the representations made by the Chamber of District Boards in a number of resolutions for the enhancement of the scales of salaries of the employees of local boards to the level of the scales of pay of similar employees in the Revenue department? If so, what action have the Government taken? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Some boards and municipal councils might have represented the matter; but, as I said, many of them are in heavy deficit. I require notice to give any further details."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister for Local Administration whether he is aware of the fact that even a senior superintendent in the district boards is not receiving as much pay as an upper grade clerk in a Government office, even though he has put in more service as superintendent than the Government clerk? Will this inequity be removed? "

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" In view of the prevailing opinion in this House in regard to this matter, will not the Government reconsider their attitude with regard to the grant of equal pay to all the services? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" That requires a change in policy."

Abolition of L.I.M. course.

* 279 Q.—SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the School of Indigenous Medicine is to be abolished, and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to replace the L.I.M. and other course in the above college by any short-term course; and if so what the details of the scheme are?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) It was decided to have one standard of education in Indigenous Medicine viz., G.C.I.M., and consequently the L.I.M. course was abolished.

(*b*) No."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" In view of the utility, cheapness and availability of the system for the common man in the villages and in view of the fact that the G.C.I.Ms. are not available for the rural dispensaries, will the Government reconsider their decision? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir; the Government of India Committee as well as the local committees that have gone into this question have recommended that there should be only one standard of education."

AN HON. MEMBER :—" May I know what is the period of the course?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Five years, Sir."

SRI K. S. SUBRAMANIA GOUNDER :—" Will the Government consider the possibility of reviving the L.I.M. course, so that the dispensaries in the rural parts may be benefited?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is a separate question, Sir."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" If the period of the course is not to be shortened, how are the Government going to meet the shortage of personnel?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question will be considered in due course."

Legal aid to poor litigants.

* 280 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the Scheme of Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive to Malabar and South Kanara districts;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) whether there is any proposal before Government to make available free legal aid to poor litigants, civil and criminal?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" (a) & (b) Yes, but it is not possible now to indicate the probable date when this will be effected.

" (c) No, Sir, there is no proposal; Government have more than once examined the question, and in view of the very liberal provisions of Law regarding procedure in trials, both in civil and criminal cases, they have decided against introducing any scheme for this purpose. In the case of trials for offences involving capital sentence, legal assistance is invariably provided where there is no privately engaged lawyer to defend the accused person."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In regard to the answer to clause (a) of the question, may I know what exactly is the impediment that stands in the way of the extension of the separation principle to Malabar?"

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